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"An Artistic Discovery" is the annual art contest conducted by Members of Congress for high school students across the country. Students submit original works of art to their Representative's office, and the winning piece from each Congressional district goes on display as part of a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, an underground walkway to the United States Capitol from the House office buildings.

See last year's winners!

The Congressman's First District Art Competition is open to all high school students residing in the First District of Mississippi. Only one entry per student will be accepted.

Guidelines and rules for the competition:

Only high school students in grades 9-12 may enter the art competition.

Artwork must fall into one of the following categories: painting, drawing, collage, print, mixed media, computer generated art or photography.

The following guidelines apply to all submitted artwork:

All submissions must be 2-dimensional

Artwork can be no larger than 30x30 inches, including the frame

Artwork can be no larger than 4 inches in depth.

All artwork must be protected by a frame. Metal frames with glass or Plexiglass recommended.

Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution; no violation of US copyright laws. Pictures reproduced from existing photos, paintings graphics or advertisements will not be accepted.

Artwork must be submitted for the entire year. Artwork cannot be removed early for any reason.

A completed Student Release Form must be submitted with all entries.

Prizes To Be Awarded:

- The Grand Prize winner receives a renewable \$5,000 per year scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design.
 - The Grand Prize art work will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC on June 25th in the Cannon Caucus Room.
 - The Grand Prize winner and one guest will be invited to attend the reception in Washington, DC.
 - Complimentary airline tickets to Washington, DC.
 - Any additional cost to attend the awards ceremony in DC will be the responsibility of the winner.
 - Other prizes to be awarded:
- * The Second Place and Third Place winning entries will hang in Congressman Childers' office for one year.
- * Honorable mentions will be acknowledged and each entrant will receive a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from the Congressman for participating.

Suitability Guidelines:

As outlined in this guideline, the final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol is left to a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do which to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in the Capitol.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portions not in

consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Artwork must be submitted to the Congressman's Tupelo District Office during the week of May 4th through the May 8th, 2009.

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